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But I shall have no freedom till I die;
I shall know never lift of sky
  Or sweep of sea:
I am chained cruelly by his love of me.

THE APPLE TREE SAID

My apples are heavy upon me!
  It was the spring,
And proud was I of my petals
  Nor dreamed this thing:

That joy could grow to a burden,
  Or beauty could be
Changed from snow-light to heavy
  To humble me.

I PRAY YOU

The dead make rules, and I obey.
I, too, shall be dead some day.

Youth and maid who, past my death,
Have within your nostrils breath,

I pray you, for my own pain's sake,
Break the rules that I shall make!

Mary Carolyn Davies